Bill No.: HB-7328
Title: AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN ETHICS CODE DEFINITIONS AND GIFT PROVISIONS.
Vote Date: 3/20/2019
Vote Action: Joint Favorable
PH Date: 3/13/2019

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SPONSORS OF BILL:
Government Administration and Elections Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:
To amend the definition of a "Business" with which he is associated, change the definition of a “Public official” and extends gift prohibitions to solicitation of gifts from any restricted donor, and limits gift giving between supervisors and subordinates in state employment.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Carol Carson, Executive Director, State of Connecticut Office of State Ethics: The definition of “a business with which he is associated” is changed to a “business with which the person is associated” and it is extended to businesses that have ownership interest or are officers of a business with which a public official or state employee is associated. The change in definition of a “Public official” applies to individuals appointed to any state-wide elected officer or his or her appointee and not just the Governor. This amendment will close a loophole in the law where individuals appointed by a state-wide elected officer other than the Governor are excluded from the definition of a “Public official” and therefore, not subject to the Code of Ethics for public officials. The amendment that extends gift prohibitions to solicitation of gifts from any restricted donor does not affect any gift exceptions under the Codes of Ethics.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:
None Expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:
None Expressed.

Reported by: Maureen O'Reilly
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Date: 4/5/19